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The President's Message

*By Gene Brannon
AJCCA President, 1983-84*

The planning for the annual convention is rapidly drawing to a close. Only through the tireless assistance of the executive board can such an undertaking of this magnitude be accomplished. I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of the officers, the commission chairpersons, the interest group chairpersons and everyone else who has had a part in organizing this convention.

Many of the interest groups are meeting together to hear Dr. John Roueche and Dr. Parker Young. These two outstanding educators will present ideas that should stimulate our thoughts as well as provide some practical points of view that we may apply. Mr. Stanley Karnow will give us some thoughts on how our country has been involved with Vietnam and the lesson we need to have learned from that experience.

A "Commitment to Excellence" is sometimes easier to say and think that it is to accomplish. We in education are faced with many challenges as we try to present a better lesson, develop a better curriculum, or get the most for the taxpayers dollars as we perform our task. However, the "Commitment to Excellence" must be a total commitment, not only by educators, but also by those who seek an education. Parents must have the courage to demand excellence from their children. Parents must also demand excellence from their education system and those who control those systems. Administrators must not only do the job right, they must also make competent decisions to do the right job. The "Commitment to Excellence" must start with the individual. If we start by improving our own area of responsibility, then others will be forced to improve theirs. We can make the difference if we make our own "Commitment to Excellence."

Nominating Committee Reports Slates of Officers for Nomination

For Vice-President/President/Elect

Dr. Gary L. Branch

Dr. Gary L. Branch, President of Faulkner State Junior College in Bay Minette is seeking the office of Vice-President/President-Elect of the AJCCA.

Dr. Branch is dedicated to education. Since leaving high school early to continue his education at the University of Alabama in 1961, he has been associated with a university, technical college, junior college or community college.

He has held almost every key administrative position at every type postsecondary institution. These range from graduate assistant to the Dean of Students at the University of Alabama; Counselor to Men at the University of Georgia; Dean of Student Personnel Services, Thomas Area Technical College, Thomasville, Georgia; Dean of Men at Abraham Baldwin Community College, Tifton, Georgia; Director of Student Affairs, Floyd Junior College, Rome, Georgia; and Dean of Enrollment and Counseling Services at Troy State University. All this was prior to Dr. Branch's appointment as President of Brewer State Junior College in 1979 and President of Faulkner State in 1981.

Dr. Branch's achievements are many and noteworthy. While working in the Georgia Junior College program, he developed a student handbook and due process procedure that were used as models throughout the state's junior college system. He was named Fayette County's Outstanding Young Man in 1980; awarded Omicron Delta Kappa's Distinguished Service Key



Gary Branch

(ODK's highest national award); received the Pacesetter Award - selected by the students at Abraham Baldwin College for "making exceptionally outstanding contributions to life at ABAC"; and received the SGA Award given by the students at Faulkner State for "superior achievement in the advancement and guidance of the Student Government Association". He has recently been selected to appear in **Who's Who in the South and Southwest**.

While President of Brewer State, that institution set enrollment records. After going to Faulkner, that institution became the fastest growing college in the state. This pattern of commitment and dedication was set before Gary became a junior college president. As a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honorary, he served as Province Director. Under his expert

leadership the Province Alabama/Mississippi led the nation in the chartering of new chapters. He also served as national editor for ODK's newsletter. A faculty member seemed to sum up the feelings of those who work with Dr. Branch. "He is a very energetic person. We feel that we work **with** Gary and not for him. His energy is felt by all, and things seem to happen when he is in charge". Dr. Branch is active in many civic and community projects. He is currently President-elect of the Board of Directors of the Bay Minette Chamber of Commerce; member of the Bay Minette Rotary Club; President of North Baldwin Ministerial Association, served as President of the Fayette County Heart Association and is in demand as a speaker for youth and civic organizations across the county and state.

He is also a member of many honorary and professional organizations including Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa, national professional society in education; Phi Eta Sigma; Gamma Beta Phi; Kappa Delta Phi, Phi Tau Chi; and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. He was recently appointed by Governor Wallace to the Region VI Employment and Training Advisory Council. Dr. Branch also serves as a consultant for colleges in developing effective high school recruiting programs.

Gary and his wife Jan are parents of two children. A son who is a freshman at Faulkner and a daughter who is a sophomore in high school.

More Candidates for Office...

Dr. J. C. Mitchell

Joseph Christopher Mitchell, Chairman of the Division of Natural Science and Mathematics at S.D. Bishop State Junior College is running for the office of Vice-President/President-Elect of the AJCCA.

A native of Albany, Georgia, he holds a B.S. degree from Fort Valley State College and an M.S. from Atlanta University. London School of Applied Research presented him with an honorary Doctor of Science in 1972.

Dr. Mitchell has worked in all levels of education, from high school through university. He has served as a senior high teacher and coach, instructor at Atlanta College College of Mortuary Science, Assistant Professor at Fort Valley State, Assistant professor of Science at Albany State College and Associate Professor Science and Department Chairman for the Science department at Alabama State University Mobile Center (now S.D. Bishop).

In addition to his employment experiences, he has worked as a science consultant for the elementary and secondary schools in the Georgia Teachers Education Association, was a Phelps-Stokes Science Consultant; ESEA Title III Project Consultant with the U.S. Office of Health, Education and Welfare; was a teaching assistant and research associate at Cornell University and a board member of United Cerebral Palsy Inc.

Mitchell has been listed in **Who's Who in the South and Southwest** and was recipient of grants from American Carbide, Ford Foundation, National Science Foundation and Atomic Energy Commission.

He was selected Sigma Man of the Year by the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity in Mobile and was named Outstanding Educator in 1970.



J. C. Mitchell

He has been active in community affairs including serving on a number of visiting committees for the Southern Association of College and Schools. He was a representative for Bishop State to the Coastal Environment Education Council and Downtown Mobile Unlimited. He served as Director for the National Science Foundation Minority Institutions Science Improvements Program and served as Educational Coordinator for the First Sickle Cell Society in Mobile.

Mitchell was instrumental in developing the current nursing education program at Bishop State. He wrote a 1972 proposal that resulted in a grant of

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Dr. Lora Conrad

Lora Conrad, Dean of Administration at Northwest Alabama Junior College in Phil Campbell, was been nominated as Vice-President/President-Elect of the AJCCA for 1984-85.

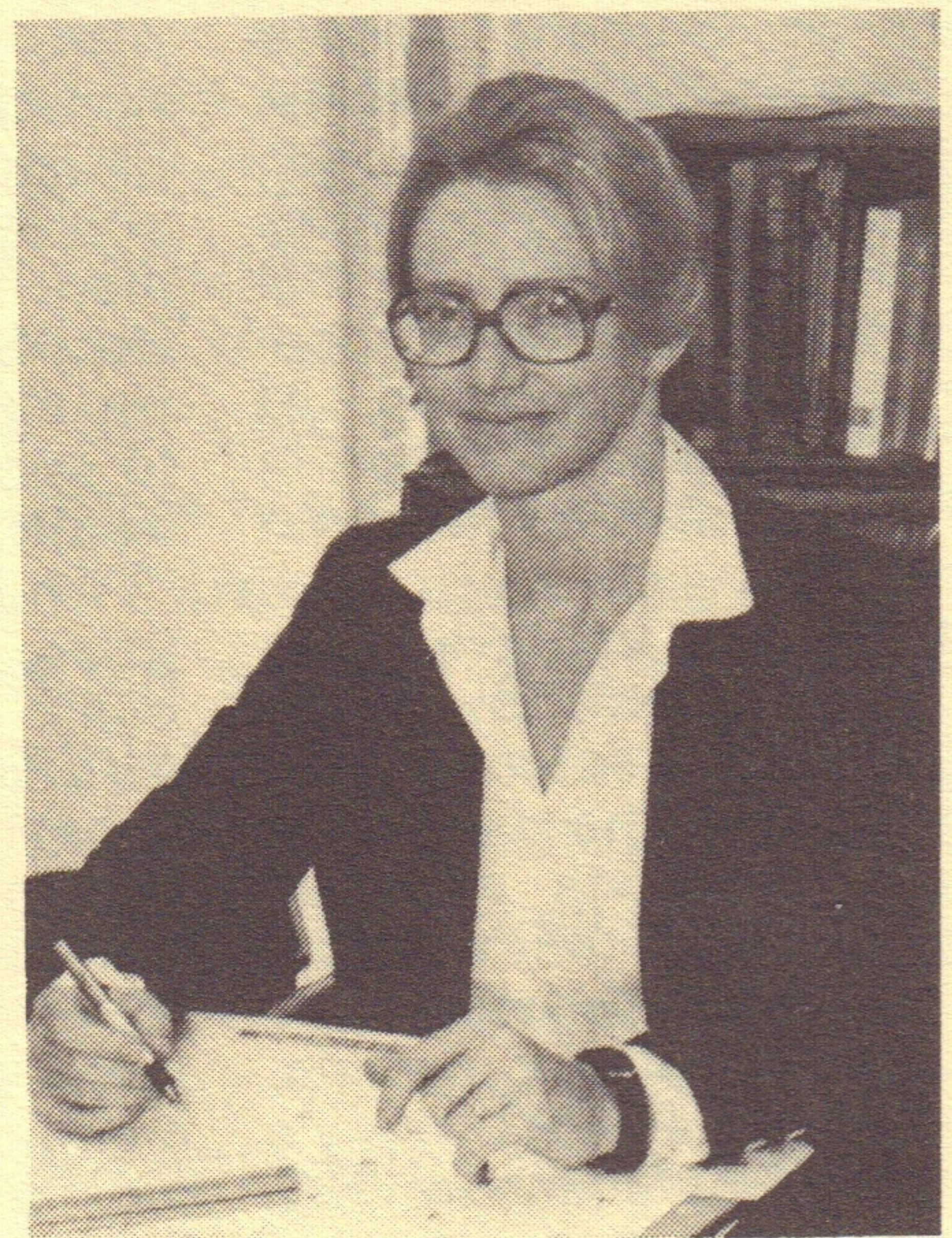
She holds an Ed.D. degree in Higher Education Administration and has held a number of positions, including Director of Computer Services, Director of Admissions, Registrar, Director of Public Relations and Director of Development since joining the staff of Northwest in 1976.

In her present position she is responsible for all administrative services, including computer information systems, facilities management, admissions, resource development, public relations and outreach programs (Talent Search and Upward Bound.)

Ms. Conrad is active in several professional groups.

She served as founding President of the Council for Alabama Resource Development and is

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Lora Conrad

For Treasurer

John Wells Warren

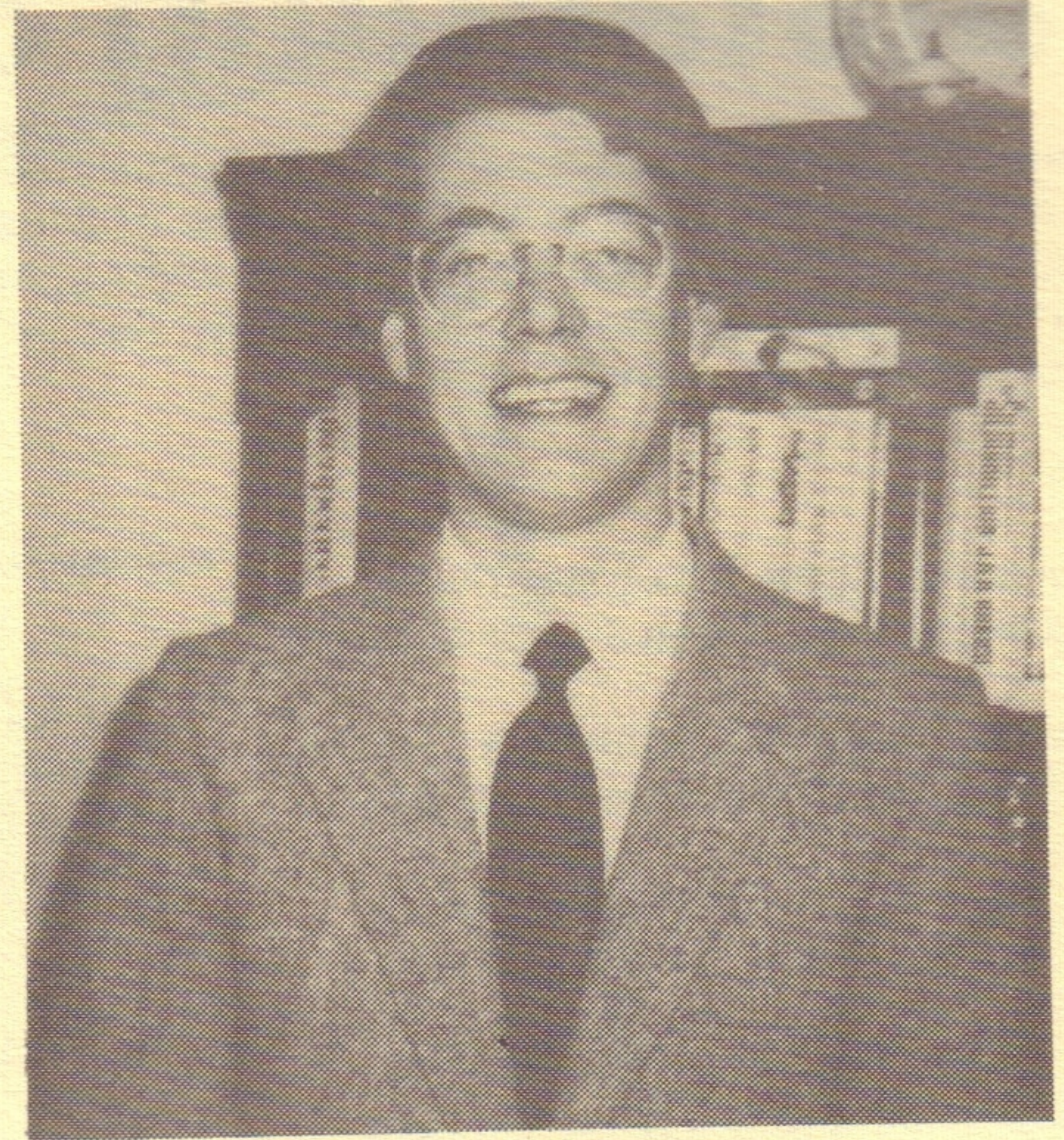
John Wells Warren has been nominated for the position of AJCCA Treasurer for 1984-85.

Administrative Assistant to the President and Director of the Evening Program at Brewer State Junior College in Fayette, Warren is presently enrolled in the Ph.D. Program in Higher Education at the University of Alabama. He holds a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Auburn University at Montgomery and a bachelor's

degree in English from Auburn University.

He has worked as an education specialist with the Postsecondary Education Services and Vocational Education Services Departments of the State Department of Education prior to his present appointment.

Warren is a member of Phi Delta Kappa education fraternity and Sigma Tau Delta English honorary. He is married and the father of two daughters.



John Warren



Odessa Powell

Odessa Perry Powell

Odessa Perry Powell, Chairperson of the Business Department at Lawson State Community College, is a candidate for treasurer of the AJCCA.

Dr. Powell holds the B.S. degree from Tennessee State University, the M.S.Ed. from Indiana University, the Ed.S. from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and the Ed.D. from Nova University in Jacksonville, Florida.

Her career has spanned many years, serving in Jefferson County Public Schools and at Lawson State for the past 12 years. She is a member of Phi Delta Lambda business honorary, Phi Delta Kappa and is president of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

She has been an active member of the Alabama Education Association and the National Education Association.

Robert Lee Drennen

Dr. Robert Lee Drennen, Dean of Finance and Development at Jefferson State Junior College, is a candidate for Treasurer of the AJCCA.

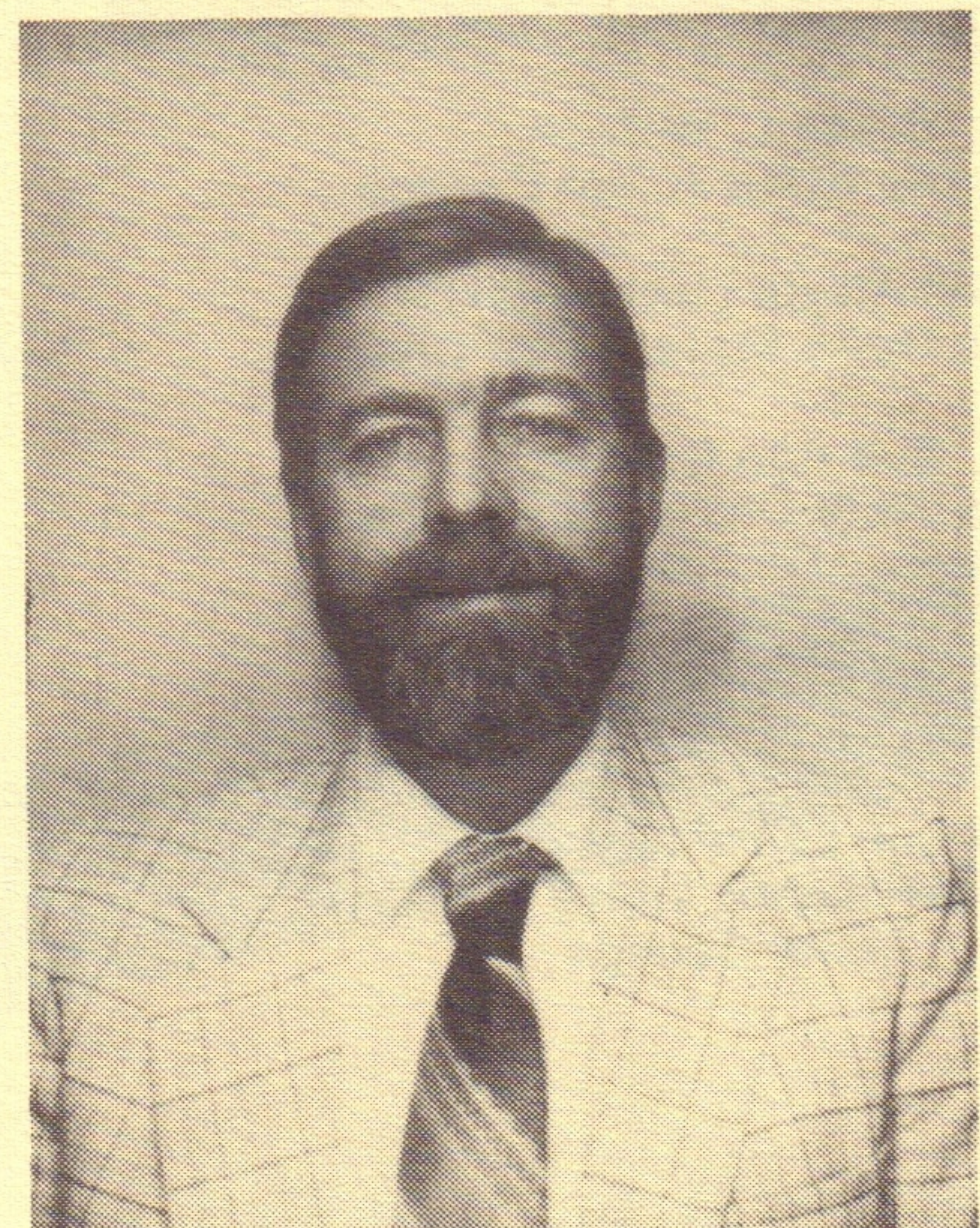
Drennen holds an Ed.D. in Educational Administration and Supervision from Auburn University, an M.S. in mathematics-physics from the University of Mississippi and a B.S. in mathematics from Birmingham-Southern College.

In addition to his present position, he has worked as Chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics and

as an Instructor at Jefferson State. He served as acting dean of the College from 1980-82.

Drennen has served on the visiting committee for a number of accreditation teams, has authored publications and been a guest speaker for numerous educational meetings.

He was also appointed by the governor to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee for Educational Block Grants for Alabama.



Robert Drennen

Outstanding Student To Be Named

The Deans of Students organization has completed plans for the "Most Outstanding Student" competition to be held in conjunction with the AJCCA Convention in Mobile. Deans of Students from member junior/community colleges have named a representative from his/her school. Students will be judged on their scholastic achievement and their service to the school. The winning candidate will receive a \$150 junior/community scholarship; two runners-up will receive \$75 scholarships. Below are the candidates for this year's "Most Outstanding Student" Award.

Kenton John Newberry (Kent)
Alexander City State Junior College

Johnny Jonathan Clemmons (Johnny)
Faulkner State Junior College

Mark Allen Thomson (Mark)
Snead State Junior College

Dixon Wayne Hayes (Dixon)
Gadsden State Junior College

Doris Marie Sunday (Doris)
Lawson State Community College

Nan Allyson Knight (Allyson)
Brewer State Junior College

Rebecca Dawn Money (Dawn)
Enterprise State Junior College

Tammy Lynn Brooks
Southern Union State Junior College

Susan Yvette Boyd (Susan)
Wallace State Community College
Hanceville

Sherry Jo Johnson
Shelton State Community College

Karen Belinda Turner (Karen)
Northeast State Junior College

Claudie Annette Davis (Annette)
L.B. Wallace State Junior College

Lana J. Bates
Calhoun State Community College

Mauree Ella Jenkins
Bishop State Junior College

Diana L. Watson
Jefferson State Junior College

Nelda Alexis Lewis (Alexis)
Jefferson Davis State Junior College

Sue Ann Chalker
Wallace State Community College
Dothan

Pamela Lynne Wallace (Pam)
Northwest State Junior College

Annie Laura Simpers
Chattahoochee Valley State
Junior College

The following schools have given generous support to the "Most Outstanding Student" Award competition. AJCCA membership and the Deans of Students express thanks to these institutions who are willing to recognize outstanding junior/community college students.

Alabama A & M University

Winner - \$2,000 scholarship
First runner-up - \$1,400

Auburn University

Winner - one year tuition (in-state) and fees - \$1,080
Renewable for one year

Auburn University at Montgomery

(Chancellor's Honor Scholarship)
Winner - one year tuition scholarship
First runner-up - one year tuition scholarship
Renewable for one year

Birmingham - Southern College

Winner - \$1,500 scholarship
Renewable for one year

Jacksonville State University

Winner - one year (two semesters) tuition scholarship

Judson College

Top ranked young woman - full tuition scholarship
Renewable for one year
Female runner-up - \$1,000 tuition scholarship
Renewable for one year
Remaining female contestants - \$500 scholarships
Renewable for one year

Livingston University

Winner - full tuition scholarship for two years
First runner-up - one year tuition scholarship
Second runner-up - one year tuition scholarship

Mobile College

Winner - \$1,000 scholarship
First runner-up - \$600 scholarship
Second runner-up - \$400 scholarship
Each contestant - \$300 scholarship

Spring Hill College

One of the finalists - \$2,500 scholarship
per year for two years

Stillman College

(Bellingrath Scholarship)
One contestant - \$5,000 scholarship
Renewable each year

Talladega College

(Presidential - Dean's Scholarship 1 Award)
Winner and/or runner-up - Academic scholarship

Troy State University (Dothan/Fort Rucker Campus)

Winner - one year full tuition scholarship

Troy State University (Troy, Alabama)

Winner - one year tuition scholarship (\$945.00)

Tuskegee Institute

Winner and/or runner-up with highest G.P.A. - \$500 scholarship

University of Alabama in Birmingham

Winner - two year scholarship (in-state tuition and fees)

University of Montevallo

Winner - tuition and student activity fee scholarship
Runner-up - tuition and student activity fee scholarship

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Junior and Community Colleges of Alabama have effectively and efficiently served the State by providing transfer, liberal arts, occupational, and special interest educational programs for its citizens thereby enriching the quality of life in the State; and

WHEREAS, through easy accessibility, low cost, quality programs, and open admissions, Alabama's Junior and Community Colleges have made postsecondary education possible for many Alabamians who otherwise could not have benefited from higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Junior and Community Colleges have helped to provide highly-qualified employees for business, industry and government in the State; and

WHEREAS, Junior and Community Colleges constitute major industries themselves by providing jobs for thousands of people, boosting the economics of their communities, and acquiring millions of dollars each year in federal and private funds; and

WHEREAS, strong public support for the State's Junior and Community Colleges is reflected in the fact that more than 40,000 Alabamians are currently enrolled in these colleges:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George C. Wallace, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1, 1984 as

JUNIOR AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE WEEK

in Alabama.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this the 2nd day of February, 1984.

George C. Wallace
GEORGE C. WALLACE
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Don Siegelman
DON SIEGELMAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

ALABAMA JUNIOR AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

Annual Convention *Riverview Plaza Hotel - Mobile, Alabama* *April 5 - 6, 1984*

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1984

10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. REGISTRATION
MEZZANINE, Riverview Plaza

TECHNICAL DEANS - MERRIMAC ROOM II

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Technical Deans' Association Meeting

Presider: Clyde Nix
President, Technical Deans' Association
Northwest Alabama State Technical College

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION
BALLROOM II & III

Presider: Gene Brannon
AJCCA President
Wallace Community College
Dothan, Alabama

Welcome: The Honorable Mayor
Robert Doyle
City of Mobile

Introduction of Speaker: Gene Brannon

Speaker: Mr. Stanley Karnow

Topic: "Vietnam: A History"

Drawing for Door Prizes

3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. BREAK
Refreshments - Athens State College

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. BUSINESS SESSION
BALLROOM II & III

TECHNICAL DEANS - MERRIMAC ROOM II

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Technical Deans' Association Meeting

Presider: Mr. Clyde Nix
President, Technical Deans' Association

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. CATERED RECEPTION
BALLROOM I

Reception will honor State Board members and other guests of the Association.

7:00 p.m. DINNER (on your own)

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1984

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. LATE REGISTRATION
MEZZANINE

TECHNICAL DEANS' MEETING - Merrimac II

8:30 a.m.-NOON COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. HOTEL CHECK-OUT

8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. COMMISSION SESSIONS

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION BALLROOM II

Presider: Mr. Joseph P. Davis
Dean of Students
Jefferson Davis State Junior College

Speaker: Dr. D. Parker Young
Professor of Higher Education
University of Georgia

Topic: Legal Issues Affecting
Alabama Two-Year Colleges

Election of Commission Chairman
Vice-Chairman

Speaker: Dr. Robert H. Welker
Professor of English
University of Alabama
In Huntsville

Topic: Chaucer's Pilgrims

COMMISSION ON STUDENTS: BALLROOM II

Presider: Dr. Jim King
Calhoun State Community
College

Speaker: Dr. D. Parker Young

Topic: Legal Issues Affecting
Alabama Two-Year Colleges

Election of Commission Chairman/
Vice-Chairman

HEALTH CAREERS: Ballroom I

Presider: Ms. Jean Porterfield
Jefferson St. Jr. College

Speaker: Dr. John Roueche
University of Texas

Topic: Improving Student
Motivation

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Alabama 1A

Presider: Tom Henderson
Jefferson St. Jr. College

Speaker: Open Forum

Topic: Problems Facing Junior
College Physical Education.
What Can We Do?

COMMISSION ON SUPPORT PERSONNEL: BALLROOM III

Presider: Ms. Myrle Hill
Calhoun State Community
College

Speaker: Honorable Tom Sorrells
Dist. Attorney, 20th Judicial
Circuit of Alabama
Dothan, Alabama

Topic:

Election of Commission Chairman
Vice-Chairman

LEARNING RESOURCES: Ballroom I

Presider: Ms. Frances Hurst
Jefferson St. Jr. College

Speaker: Dr. John Roueche
University of Texas

Topic: "Improving Student
Motivation"

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. INTEREST GROUPS

COMMISSION ON FACULTY

BUSINESS: Alabama IIB
Presider: Ms. Nina Carpenter
Enterprise St. Jr. College

Speaker: Dr. Joan Kogelschatz
Psychotherapist

Topic: Stress Management and
Teacher Burnout

ENGLISH: Merrimac II

Presider: Ms. Vicki Earnest
Calhoun State Community
College

MATHEMATICS: Ballroom I

Presider: Mrs. Annie Jones
Calhoun State Community
College

Speaker: Dr. John Roueche
University of Texas

Topic: "Improving Student
Motivation"

MUSIC: Alabama IB
Presider: Ms. Rosemary Johnson
Wallace St. Comm. College
Selma
Speaker: Ms. Rosemary Johnson
Wallace St. Comm. College
Topic: Music in General Education

READING: Ballroom I
Presider: Ms. Marie F. Doan
Bishop St. Jr. College
Speaker: Dr. John Roueche
University of Texas
Topic: "Improved Student
Motivation"

SOCIAL SCIENCE: Ballroom I
Presider: Ms. Althea L. Thomas
Wallace St. Comm. College
Dothan
Speaker: Dr. John Roueche
University of Texas
Topic: "Improved Student
Motivation"

SCIENCE: Ballroom I
Presider: Mr. Gene Plott
Shelton St. Jr. College
Speaker: Dr. John Roueche
University of Texas
Topic: "Improved Student
Motivation"

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. COMMISSION SESSIONS

COMMISSION ON FACULTY:
Ballroom I

Presider: Mr. Larry Holland
Northeast St. Jr. College
Speaker: Dr. John Roueche
University of Texas

Topic: "Teaching for Excellence"

10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. INTEREST SESSIONS

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

ACADEMIC DEANS Merrimac I
Presider: Dr. Tommy Guthrie
Enterprise St. Jr. College

Speaker: Forum

Topic: State Policy and Procedure
Review

DEAN OF STUDENTS:
Ballroom I

Presider: Mr. Douglas Chambers
Chattahoochee Valley
St. Jr. College

Speaker: Dr. John Roueche
University of Texas

Topic: "Teaching for Excellence"

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:
Alabama IA

Presider: Dr. Pat T. Wallace
Jefferson State Jr. College

Speaker: Dr. Ron Wiley
President
Professional Development
Programs

Topic: Effective Marketing
Of Continuing Education

DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS/
INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH:
Alabama IB

Presider: Dr. Catherine Maples
Calhoun St. Community
College

Speaker: Panel Discussion-
CARD Officers

Topic: Matching Funds - New
Horizons for Alabama
Postsecondary Institutions

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

Merrimac II

Presider: Dr. Nathan L. Hodges
Wallace St. Comm. College
Dothan

Speaker: Dr. Joseph T. Sutton
Executive Director
ACHE

Topic: ACHE Involvement in the
Funding Process for Junior
and Community Colleges

COMMISSION ON STUDENTS

ADMISSIONS OFFICERS AND REGISTRARS:
Alabama IIA

Presider: Ms. Roann Duke
Jefferson St. Jr. College

Speaker: Dr. Paul N. Doran, Jr.
Chairman, Department of
Business Administration
Jefferson St. Jr. College

Topic: Student Related Problems
of the 80's - Advising,
Retention, Orientation, etc.

COUNSELORS: Ballroom I

Presider: Mr. Coleman Turner
Calhoun St. Jr. College

Speaker: Dr. John Roueche

Topic: Teaching for Excellence

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:
Alabama IIIA

Presider: Ms. Karen Pritchett
Jefferson St. Jr. College

Speaker: Mr. E.C. Stephens
Supervisor, State Approving
Agency

Topic: "VA Changes and Future
Outlook"

FINANCIAL AID OFFICERS: Quality Inn

Presider: Mr. Larry Ryland
L.B. Wallace St. Jr. College

Meet with the Alabama Association of Student
Financial Aid Administrators.

COMMISSION ON SUPPORT PERSONNEL

SECRETARIAL: Alabama IIA

Presider: Ms. Marilyn Radford
Calhoun St. Comm. College

Speaker: Patricia Perez
CPR Branch Sales Manager

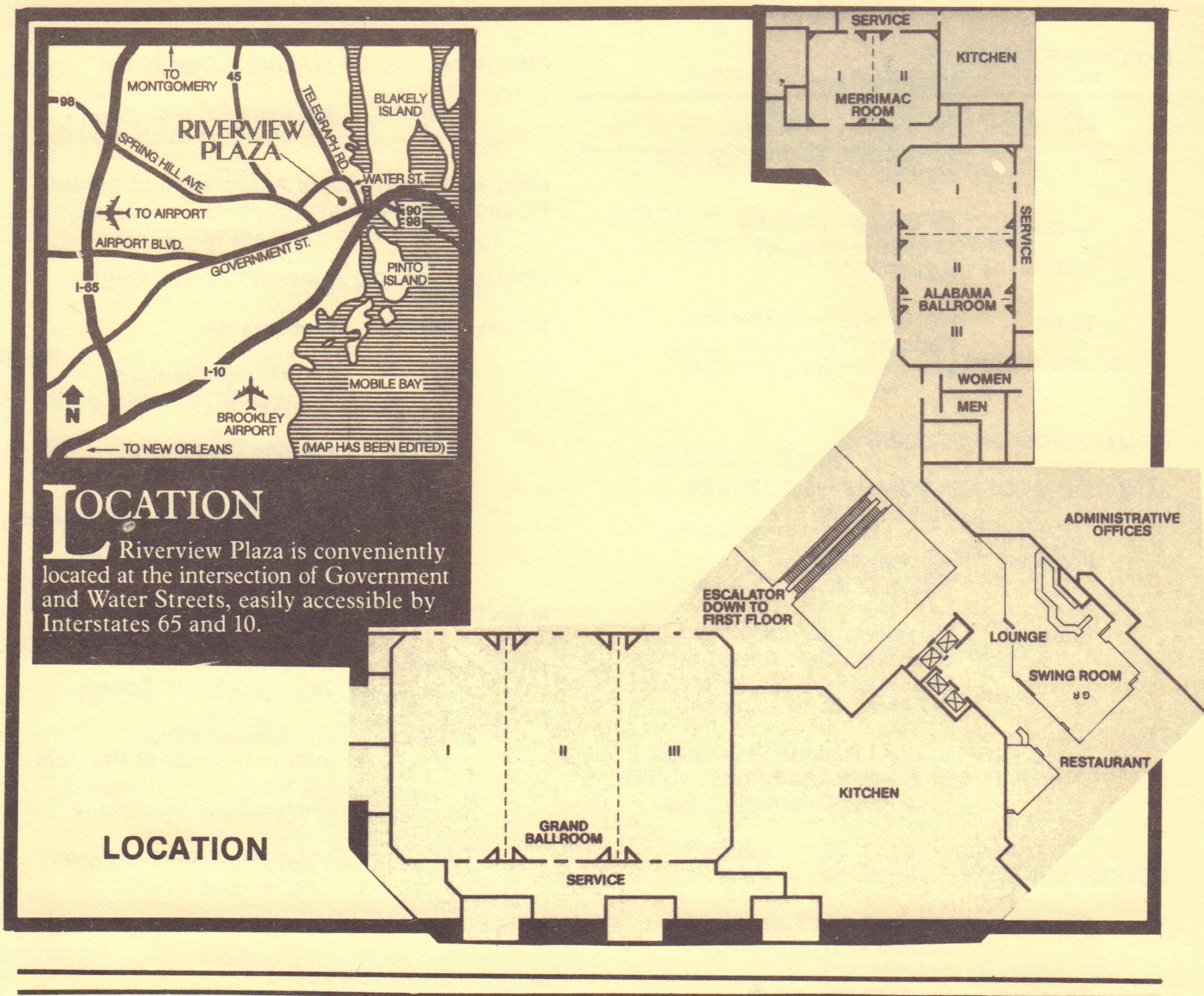
Topic: "Word Processing as Related
to Microcomputers"

MAINTENANCE: Alabama IIIB

Presider: Mr. Joseph Smith
Jefferson St. Jr. College

Speaker: Mr. Sherrell White
Interim Director of Physical
Plant
University of Montevallo

Topic: Unknown at press time



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